

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm. Selectmen present were: Janet Smith, James McIlroy, and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were: Police Chief Reed, Win Fream (Budget Committee), Don Doane (Treasurer), and Jamie Thompson (Budget Committee).

The Town received notification from Comcast that pricing will change as of February 2006. The paperwork is at the Town office if anyone wishes to look at it.

James made a motion to accept the SPCA contract for 2006. Janet seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Checks were signed.

Two Land Use Change Tax bills were signed.

Win Fream asked if the speed limit could be reduced on Main Street. James advised that Main Street is a state road and the state has control over the speed limit. Win can speak with Chief Reed about his concerns.

Win asked about the sidewalk plan – we are currently #2 in the state for sidewalk plans and will know more in April. The first phase of the sidewalk construction would be from the railroad bridge to the Elementary School.

Win asked about the old Post Office building which the Town has purchased. There is no plan at this time for the use of the building. A survey is being taken to determine which departments need space and if space at that building would be suitable.

Regarding re-zoning: the Route 108 area would be first for a design charette and second would be the village. Win also asked about the Master Plan. He was advised to speak with either Reuben Hull or Mike Price for specific information on these two items.

Win advised the Selectmen that the fire escape in the Town Hall was blocked recently. He had to move the items out of the way to make the escape route accessible.

The Police Budget was discussed in detail with Chief Reed and the Budget Committee.

The Dispatch Contract is up for renewal with very high increases in the next five years. Chief Reed is working on alternatives to the Newmarket Dispatch ie: Rockingham County or the Town of Exeter. He will also see if the renewal contract with Newmarket can be re-negotiated for a better price.

James made a motion to accept the minutes of December 27, 2005. Janet seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Roberta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10pm. James seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer